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**Re: Follow-up to April 7 Meeting at U.S. EPA office**

Dear Sam:

Weyerhaeuser appreciates the time spent by United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.EPA) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) staff in the meeting held on April 7, 2008 in Chicago. This letter in conjunction with our letter to Jim Saric dated March 26, 2008 presents Weyerhaeuser's understanding of the follow-up actions that will be taken to address the concerns of U.S.EPA and MDEQ identified in your March 14, 2008 letter.

Overall, Weyerhaeuser agrees to provide additional detailed communications and faster feedback to U.S.EPA during field activities conducted on both the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill and the Plainwell Mill. To facilitate this outcome, our consultant, RMT, Inc., has been directed to assign in-field consulting staff to provide additional support and oversight for all on-site activities. The increase in staffing is effective immediately. We have also agreed that Weyerhaeuser will notify U.S.EPA as soon as practicable after possible issues are identified and then follow-up later with details. We will notify the first person available in the following order of contact:

- Plainwell Mill: Sam Chummar, Jim Saric, Michael Berkhoff, Sharon Jaffess, and Eileen Furey.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill: Michael Berkhoff, Jim Saric, Sam Chummar, Matt Mankowski, and Eileen Furey.

In addition, we are planning to hold a conference call on April 16, 2008 to identify routine actions that we can implement to improve information flow and facilitate coordination between Weyerhaeuser and U.S.EPA. These additional routine communications forums will be initiated immediately as we complete the Mill Banks Emergency Action and as we proceed to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) and the Plainwell Mill Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) activities.

To address the specific concerns identified in your letter, the following actions are being taken:

U.S.EPA Concern: Erroneous statement made in progress report.

- Response Action: Multiple levels of data review are being implemented
- Response Action: Additional staff are assigned to cross check assignments and follow-up on specific task

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U.S.EPA Concerns: Failure to follow Work Plan with respect to turbidity issues and use of alternative sampling procedures without agency input.

- Response Action: U.S.EPA, and to the extent possible, MDEQ, will be notified as soon as practicable of any deviations from the work plan due to field conditions. A detailed description of the conditions that form the basis for the deviation will be verbally provided and confirmed in writing via e-mail. To the maximum extent possible, input from U.S.EPA and MDEQ will be solicited before actions that differ from the work plan are implemented.

U.S.EPA Concern: Failure to timely notify U.S.EPA of release condition

- Response Action: The sheen observed on January 31 was not confirmed as oil but was verbally reported to the National Response Center (NRC Report Number 867374) on February 5.
- Response Action: For all future field activities, additional staff will be on site to provide additional resources for communication to various parties as needed.

I look forward to our conference call on the April 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss additional communication actions. Please contact me if you have a different understanding of the meeting outcomes and/or proposed action items.

I look forward to working closely with U.S.EPA and MDEQ on this important project.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company



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